

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for treating acne which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-acne effective amount of an extract of the plant ~~Argania spinosa~~ Argania spinosa containing at least one of proteins and saponins,

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of treating seborrhoea which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing an anti-seborrhoea effective amount of an extract of the plant ~~Argania spinosa~~ Argania spinosa containing at least one of proteins and saponins.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for reducing the activity of ~~[[anti-]]5- $\alpha$ -reductase~~ which comprises: applying to the affected area of the skin to be treated a composition containing ~~an anti-5- $\alpha$ -reductase~~ a 5- $\alpha$ -reductase activity reducing effective amount of a preparation containing ~~an anti-5- $\alpha$ -reductase effective amount of~~ an extract of the plant ~~Argania spinosa~~ Argania spinosa containing at least one of proteins and saponins.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of claim 14 for treatment of unwanted hair growth in women which comprises: applying to the area of the skin where hair growth is not wanted a hair growth retarding effective amount of preparation containing an extract of the

plant ~~Argania spinosa~~ Argania spinosa containing at least one of proteins and saponins.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains arganin A in a quantity of at least 6% by weight, based on the dry weight of the extract, ~~as the saponin.~~

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract contains at least 3% by weight of proteins, based on the dry weight of the extract.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of claim 12, wherein, the anti-acne effective amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 21 (previously presented ): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one plant part selected from the group consisting of leaves, stems, bark, flowers, fruits, fruit flesh and seed kernels.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by extraction of at least one member selected from the group consisting of seed kernels and defatted seed kernels from the fruit of the plant ~~Argania spinosa~~ *Argania spinosa*.

Claim 23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 13, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 15, wherein, the extract contains at least one saponin selected from the group consisting of arganin A, arganin B, arganin C, arganin D, arganin E, arganin F, arganin G, arganin H, arganin J and misaponin A.

Claim 29 (currently amended ): The method of claim 13, wherein, the ~~effective~~ amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method of claim 14, wherein, the ~~effective~~ amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The method of claim 15, wherein, the ~~effective~~ amount of the extract is from 0.01 to 25% by weight, expressed as dry weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The preparation useful in the practice of claim 15 comprising: a dermatologically acceptable carrier and a native protein containing extract of *Argania spinosa*, whereby, application to the skin treats unwanted hair growth.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The preparation useful in the practice of claim 14 comprising: a dermatologically acceptable carrier and a native protein containing extract of *Argania spinosa*, whereby, application to skin reduces formation of 5- $\alpha$ -reductase.